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the rotunda of the new justice

center when it is finished. A

bronze replica will be sculpted

for the monument on the old

County officials are current-

ly in talks with a local corporate

tenant for the old courthouse

when renovations are complete.

25 jobs in Morgan County,"

Conley said. "It will also main-

tain the building and pay the

utility bills. An official an-

nouncement will be made at a

late January or early February

will significantly improve

The judge executive pre-

"This tenant will retain 20-

courthouse lawn.'

later date."

Pictured at left is the room in the county government office that once housed the Sheriff Mickey Whitt's office. This space, along with several others in the building is undergoing post-tornado renovations. At right is the community center gym, which is also being renovated. Crews are working to remove damaged materials and will also replace

Conley shares progress report on buildings and businesses so he will be displayed inside

Dollar Gen. to return to downtown W.L.;

construction continues

By Miranda M. Cantrell Judge Executive Tim Conley said that local citizens can look forward to significant progress this winter and spring as posttornado renovation and reconstruction continues throughout

During a Dec. 28 interview, Conley said that several county office buildings and public/ rental housing structures are being remodeled or rebuilt, and that plans are underway for businesses to return to West

Morgan County.

making here.

"Things are on the upswing," Conley said. "We hope to keep this momentum going as the one-year anniversary of the tornado approaches. I am very optimistic about our future and proud of the progress we are

The judge executive provided updates on the following structures and businesses:

County Government Bldg./ **Community Center**

Renovations have begun on the historic WPA-era building that houses several county government offices and the community center.

Conley noted in July that back portion of the building sustained \$7.3 million in storm damage, but that crews are currently stripping damaged materials from the structure and installing sheet rock and

be rebuilt," Conley said. "When the project is finished, we will have an open gym and the other rooms will be available to rent for parties and gatherings again.

Conley also said that rooms in the county government portion of the building, which was

partially renovated last summer, are still undergoing repairs.

"We wanted to make our offices more user-friendly," Conley said. "So we are moving the sheriff's and PVA's offices near each other. The emergency management and UNITE offices will also be located near each other, and the fiscal court room will be located near my office, where the sheriff's office was before the tornado.

Conley said renovations will be complete in approximately 12-18 months.

New Courthouse

The new justice center that "The gym and the other was under construction before rooms in the basement area will the tornado sustained \$10.5 million in damages.

"The new courthouse will be built back to its original specifications," Conley said. The circuit clerk's office and the court system will remain at MSU at West Liberty until the building is completed.'

The building has been stripped of damaged materials and construction will be complete in 18-21 months.

Old Courthouse

The 106-year-old courthouse on Main Street - listed on the National Registry of Historic Places - sustained approximately \$3-4 million in damage, including roof and water destruction, and broken windows.

"The old courthouse will be renovated to look as it did before the tornado," Conley said. 'The clock tower and all the monuments will be restored."

Conley noted that the World War I Doughboy memorial statue that stood outside the old courthouse has been repaired.

"The original Doughboy statue was fixed," Conley said. "But he is now very fragile due to the damages and repairs,

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Parents of cancerstricken boy, age 8, honor his final wish Cameron Mancini's

favorite monster truck visits W.L. after death

By Miranda M. Cantrell

The parents of a West Liberty-raised boy who recently died of cancer hours before his final wish could be realized decided to honor his memory by spreading Christmas cheer to other local children. Cameron Mancini, 8, of

Morehead, formerly of West Liberty, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington as a result of liver cancer.

Cameron's parents, Michael and Kristi Hunley Mancini, made arrangements for their son to see his favorite monster truck, Gravedigger, in person on Dec. 22, but the boy succumbed to his illness as the truck was en route to the hospital.

'Cameron loved Gravedigger," Kristi Mancini said. "It was his dream to see the truck, but he died before he could."

The Mancinis contacted a vice president of the national monster truck racing league known as Monster Jam and asked the organization to send the truck to West Liberty.

"When Cameron died we still wanted to honor his wishes," Mancini said. "We felt that he would want other kids to see Gravedigger, and Monster Jam agreed to come to West Liberty.'

Mancini estimated that despite the short notice approximately 300 local people turned out to see the truck, one of its eight drivers, a mechanic and dicted that renovations to the several crew members at the building - which will start in Commercial Bank parking lot in downtown West Liberty.

"We were amazed by how many people came," Mancini said. "It was a happy event,



eron Mancini, age 8, of Morehead, formerly of West Liberty, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He succumbed to cancer on Dec. 22, 2012.

and the kids loved it. Cameron would have been thrilled to see them enjoying Gravedigger."

The event was the first public appearance for the newlybuilt Gravedigger, which has not yet been in Monster Jam

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Ministerial Assn. forum on wet/ dry vote is Sat.

The Morgan County Ministerial Association will host a public forum on the upcoming local option election regarding alcohol sales in the City of West Liberty at 6 p.m. this Saturday, Jan. 5, at Broadway First Church of God.

Everyone is invited to share their opinions about the election, which will be held Tuesday, Jan. 22, for voters residing in city limits.

Rd. impt. jobs awarded for Morgan, Wolfe Co.

JACKSON, Ky. — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet recently awarded two contracts totaling more than \$300,000 for highway projects in two counties within the Department of Highways District 10.

Contracts awarded are: A \$213,354.20 contract for safety improvements on Ky. 7 and Ky. 519 in Morgan County. Skid-resistant pavement and guardrail will be installed on Ky. 7 near Ky. 1161, and on Ky. 519 near Hot Mix Road. The project is to be completed by June 30.

A \$90,001.90 project to resurface portions of various state highways in the City of Campton in Wolfe County. The project is to be completed by June 30. The Department of High-

ways District 10 consists of 10 counties – Breathitt, Estill, Lee, Magoffin, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell and Wolfe - in east-central and southeastern Kentucky. The district office is located in Jackson.

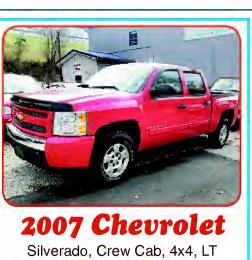
Construction activities are scheduled on a tentative basis

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New School Board Members Are Sworn In

Sworn in last week in preparation for assuming their duties on the Morgan County Board of Education were newly-elected board members, from left, Roger Finch, Michelle Lewis Vance, and Mary Alice Oldfield, who were elected to office at the November General Election. County Judge Executive Tim Conley, right, administered their oaths.



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Progress ...

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Main Street's post-tornado

ppearance. New Extension Office, **Parking Garage** & Wellness Center

Conley said the new extension office, parking structure and wellness center projects will be up for bidding in mid to latethat January.

"These projects are all part of a bigger plan to spur economic growth," Conley said. "We are very excited about these facilities and hope to begin construction on all of them in late February or early March."

Extension office employees along with water district employees – remain at the former Rifle Coal facility purchased by county officials in April. Plans for the new facility were underway before the tornado destroyed the extension office that once stood on Riverside

Officials had also previously planned for the parking structure prior to the tornado in conjunction with the justice center project.

The wellness/youth recreation center – which will be located on the new section of Route 7 past the former MSU Center building – will be constructed with New Market Tax

Credit (NMTC) funds. The NMTC initiative which was established in 2000 as part of the federal Community Renewal Tax Relief Act allows government officials to sell unused tax credits to corporation representatives who would in turn receive tax incentives to reinvest in com-

"Government facilities have taxable credits that can be sold because government is a nontaxable entity," Conley said in an Oct. 1 interview. "Investors will buy these credits to provide funds to renovate government buildings and construct new facilities. This money would also fund the expansion of water and sewer lines to these structures."

Conley also noted that program participation would not incur new debt for local governments and taxpayers.

"This is not a debt to be repaid that will cost taxpayers," Conley said. "This is a gift from private corporations that will support our rebuilding process.'

The center, which will be completed in phases, will include a bowling alley, climbing walls, playground equipment, meeting rooms and several other features.

Southshore, Ohio, pediatrician Dr. Gregory Hudson also plans to open a medical clinic near the wellness center on the

new section of Route 7. Liberty Heights Apartment_Complex & Other Housing

Forty-eight families lost their homes when the tornado destroyed the Liberty Heights apartment complex, which is also scheduled for reconstruc-

"It is my understanding that all 48 of the Liberty Heights apartments will be rebuilt by the management company Winterwood," Conley said. "I have been in contact with Kentucky Housing and understand that construction could begin in late February or early March."

Conley noted that tenants living in the complex before the tornado would be offered the first opportunity to move into the apartments.

The judge executive also noted that houses destroyed throughout the county are already rebuilt or are currently in the reconstruction process, but that rental properties in downtown West Liberty are being rebuilt at a slower pace.

"Some landlords don't want to rebuild due to construction costs," Conley said. "But many of them are reselling their lots to organizations that do want to rebuild. Habitat for Humanity and Frontier Housing are both working with families to rebuild homes." **Dollar General Store**

The Dollar General store that was located on Prestonsburg Street was destroyed by the tornado, which left some employees and customers trapped in the building.

Conley said that the Dollar General officials recently signed a contract with lot owners to return to downtown West Liberty in the same location.

'Construction will begin within 30-45 days," Conley

Conley he did not know the status of the downtown Family Dollar store at this time,

Other Updates

- Demolition has begun on the downtown Commercial Bank building to clear the lot for a \$5 million banking center to be completed in the next 18-24 months.
- · Construction continues on the new Citizens Bank building, which is projected to be completed this winter.
- Repairs are being made to Bank of the Mountains' downtown branch and drive-thru facility, in addition to the construction of a new conference hall on Court Street.
- Local art students are currently working on a tornado memorial monument that will be placed where the former Stacy home once stood on Prestosnburg Street across from Rite Aid.
- A memorial/celebration service will be held to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the tornado on Saturday, March 2. Further details will be published as they become available.

For more information regarding post-tornado recovery, contact Judge Executive Tim Conley at 606-743-3897, email the address mcfc.tc@ gmail.com or visit the county government building at 450 Prestonsburg St.

Tornado-Damaged Commercial Bank Bldg. Coming Down

Demolition crews are currently dismantling the downtown Commercial Bank building, which sustained extensive damage from the March 2 tornado. The demolition will clear the lot for the institution's new \$5 million banking center that will utilize energy-efficient technologies and promote customer convenience. Commercial Bank CEO Hank Allen told The Courier last year that the bank's vault - which contains customers' safety deposit boxes - will be left on the site. "The boxes will eventually be moved to the new bank, which will be in the center of our property on Main Street adjacent to the old bank," Allen said. "We will continue to provide access to the boxes as needed." Construction is slated to begin early this year with completion projected during the following 18-24 months.

Cameron ...

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competition.

Mancini noted that the driver gave a Gravedigger flag displayed on the truck to her family in memory of Cameron, whose birthday was March 2, 2004.

"Cameron grew up in West Liberty and he thought a lot about the tornado," Mancini said. "Especially since his birthday was on that day. We were glad that we could do something for West Liberty's kids after all the tragedy they have seen.

Her son would have con-

"Cameron was a good kid with a big heart," Mancini said. "He loved all kids, and he would have been excited to see them so happy. We are grateful to everyone who helped make it happen."



Pictured above is the monster truck Gravedigger, which competes in the national monster truck racing league known as Monster Jam. One of the truck's drivers and several crew members were en route to visit Cameron Mancini, 8, formerly of West Liberty, when he died of cancer on Dec. 21. His parents, Michael and Kristi Hunley Mancini requested that the crew show the truck to other local children in memory of their son.

Roads ...

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and are subject to change depending on weather conditions. Motorists are asked to drive with caution in work zones and be aware of workers, traffic control devices and construction equipment when traveling in areas where projects are ongoing.

Significant traffic impacts

resulting from construction and maintenance projects are posted on District 10's website (http://transportation.ky.gov/ District-10), the district's Facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/KYTCDistrict10) and also on the district's Twitter feed (http://www.twitter.com/ KYTCDistrict10). Drivers can check these sites prior to traveling to determine if there will be traffic delays for which they should be prepared.

Magoffin boy set to break Christmas card world record

A Magoffin County boy is set to break the world record for collecting Christmas cards with over 200,000 cards counted at this time.

Dalton Dingus, 9, of Saly ersville, who has cystic fibrosis, set out to break the card-collecting record of 205,120 cards set in 1990 by Jarrod Booth, of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, Canada.

According to The Salyersville Independent, Dingus's family predicts that he has already surpassed Booth's record and estimate that an additional 200,000 cards remain

uncounted at this time. Dingus has received cards from every state in the nation. and from countries all over the

LIHEAP Crisis Program heating crisis begins Jan. 7

Gateway Community Action Agency will begin the "Crisis" portion of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) that assists households in a heating crisis on January 7, 2013. The program is operated by appointments, so you must call before you come into the office in your county to schedule an appointment. LIHEAP assists households that are in a home heating crisis. The deepening of cold winter weather combined with rising utility costs leaves many households unable to fully meet heating bills or purchase sufficient bulk fuel to keep their families safe and warm.

Last year over 5,000 residents of the Gateway area received financial assistance and emergency services from the LIHEAP Crisis component.

A household shall be considered to be in a home heating crisis situation when the household meets the basic LIHEAP eligibility criteria and:

• the household is within four (4) days of running out of fuel if bulk fuel (coal, fuel oil, kerosene, or wood) is the heat source;

• the households propane tank is under 30% and they are at risk of running out;

• the household has received a past due/disconnect notice if natural gas or electric is the heat source (appointment can be made 4 days prior to shut

heating costs are included as an undesignated portion of the rent, and the household has received an eviction notice for

off date); or • The household's home

non-payment of rent from the landlord.

• Pre-paid electric customers

are eligible to receive LIHEAP assistance if they certify that they have 10 days or less of prepaid electric remaining.

For all bulk fuels (wood, coal, propane, fuel oil, kerosene) verification of a crisis situation may be self-declaration by the applicant. For natural gas and electric heated households, the applicant must present an appropriate disconnect notice from utility company.

Applications will be taken at convenient CAP locations. Applicants are encouraged to applyat the location nearest to them in their county of residence. Days, hours of operation, locations and telephone numbers are listed below:

Gateway Community Action

Days and Times: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Phone Numbers: Bath County: 606-674-2502 Montgomery County: 859-

498-5345 Menifee County: 606-768-2369

Morgan County: 606-743-3133

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LIHEAP is a statewide initiative sponsored by Community Action Kentucky in partnership with the Cabinet

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Pictured above are Ison Insurance employees Kate Kemplin, Lisa Collins, John Ison, Jenni Ison, Ashley Roseberry and Amanda Frazier.

Ison Insurance employees are recognized at state convention

Company honored for service to community in tornado aftermath

In November, several employees of Ison Insurance Agency attended the Independent Insurance Agents of Kentucky annual convention.

All Kentucky Independent Insurance Agents are invited to attend to take continuing education classes, speak with various insurance companies, attend meetings to hear current information regarding the industry and to hear directly from regarding the status of insurance in Kentucky.

During this year's convention, Ison Insurance Agency's employees were awarded with the Customer Service Representative of the Year Award. This award was presented to all of Ison's employees for their service to their customers during and after the March 2

Being recognized by this group of peers is an incredible honor. This was the first time that this award was given to an

the Commissioner of Insurance entire agency in the over 100 year history of the Independent Insurance Agents of Kentucky organization.

The Commissioner of Insurance mentioned Ison Insurance Agency in her speech citing their ability to go out of their way to reach their clients and to file claims on their behalf before they heard from their clients due to no phones or electricity for days.

Congratulations to Ison Insurance Agency employees Alvis Trusty, Lisa Collins, Kate Kemplin, Amanda Frazier and Ashley Roseberry.

Jan. 18 cutoff deadline for **EQIP, WHIP applications**

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kentucky is encouraging landowners, farmers and producers to visit their local NRCS office now to receive information and apply for conservation technical assistance and possible financial funding opportunities.

The application process for NRCS's conservation programs is continuous, but funding selections are made at specific times throughout the year. The Kentucky NRCS first application cutoff period date for consideration for 2013 funds is January 18, 2013. Applications received after January 18, 2013, will be held until the next application cut off period, which will be April

NRCS State Conservationist Karen Woodrich announced this month that technical and financial assistance is available to eligible applicants for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). EQIP is a conservation program that provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers who face threats to soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. Through EQIP, NRCS develops contracts with agricultural producers to voluntarily implement conservation practices. Persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production and owners of non-industrial private forestland are eligible for this program. Eligible land includes cropland, pastureland, private non-industrial forestland, and other farm or

ranch lands. A second conservation program, the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), offers opportunities through the Working Lands for Wildlife

the recovery of certain at-risk, threatened or endangered wildlife species while helping other vulnerable and game species that depend on similar habitat. In Kentucky, the Goldenwinged Warbler is the species of concern for parts of three

"We're urging producers to get their applications in as soon as possible to be considered for this year's funding," said Woodrich.

Kentucky counties including

Bell, Letcher and Harlan.

All recipients of assistance are required to develop a conservation plan. Conservation planning is an integral part of the conservation process. Landowners should work with a conservation planner to develop the plan based on the landowner's operational goals to improve the productivity, sustainability and profitability of their operation. The conservation plan will serve as a roadmap to a variety of technical assistance and financial assistance through EQIP and WHIP, as well as other options available to the landowner. "We're getting back to our roots with conservation planning," says Woodrich. "Conservation planning is the vital first step in understanding natural resources on your land, and also understanding how technical and financial conservation assistance can be incorporated into your operation to help you help the land." She said, "Now is the time to contact your local NRCS Field Office to develop a conservation plan." For more information on NRCS, conservation planning and conservation programs visit NRCS on the web at www.ky.nrcs.usda.

For more information contact: Lynda Rose, District Conservationist 606-464-8480 in (WLFW), which focuses on Beattyville or 606-668-3113.

West Liberty Homemakers hold Christmas party

The West Liberty Homemakers Club had their annual Christmas party Saturday night, Dec. 8, at the Masonic Lodge Hall, in West Liberty. The tables were decorated with greenery and candles and small trees.

The president, Nettie Goodpaster, welcomed everyone to the party.

Julia Elam gave the devotion entitled "The Long Walk".

Gary Robertson asked the blessing and everyone enjoyed delicious refreshments consisting of everything from country ham and biscuits to all kinds of homemade candy and cookies and any other type goodies anyone would want to eat.

Games of Bingo were enjoyed, door prize given and exchange of gifts.

Those enjoying the evening were Annette and Ringo Kimbler, Nettie and Gerald Goodpaster, Nell Adkins, Sherry Lykins, Julia Elam, Melissa and Charles Wright, Olivia and Cami Wright, Lorene Trimble, Sydney Trimble, Bell Trimble, Norma Smith, Melina Perry, Flo and Jimmy Benton, Iva Leeper, Brenda and Gary Robertson, Kim Sparkman, Deejay and Chloe Sparkman, Greg Russell, Monteza and Gene Lykins, Cricket Cantrell.

Our next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. January 11, 2013, at the home of Cricket Cantrell.

Hope to see everyone at the January meeting.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Monday, Jan. 7--Beef tips, noodles, Harvard beets, wheat bread, margarine, apricots,

Tuesday, Jan. 8--Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, wheat roll, margarine, cake, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 9--Hamburger on bun, potato salad, relish plate, mustard/ketchup, fruited jello, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 10--Roast beef and gravy, augratin potatoes, buttered peas, wheat roll, margarine, mandarin oranges, milk.

Friday, Jan. 11--Chef salad/ ham, wheat roll, Ranch dressing, tropical fruit, milk.

A HELPING HAND

Some people go all year long without taking the time to help others. Thank goodness we have the holidays. The bells and lights and cards remind us to extend a helping hand and a compassionate heart to those less fortunate. It is easier to remember the needy when compassion and generosity surround us. And it is a good thing

Here's To A Happy New Year!

News Of Record

CIRCUIT COURT

County Funeral Home, Inc. vs. Tonny Jenkins, Dec. 21; Larry E. Watkins vs. Warden Gary Beckstrom et al, Dec. 21; Perry Graves #133130 vs. Kentucky Department of Corrections, Dec. 21; Commonwealth Credit Union, Inc. vs. Shirley E. Adkins, Dec. 27; John Belden #248251 vs. EKCC et al, Dec. 27; Christopher Rice Ray #220108 vs. General Counsel, Dec. 27. **DISTRICT COURT**

New civil cases - GE Capital

Retail Bank vs. Courtney Sargent,

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Morgan County Court Clerk, Randy Williams, has issued the following marriage licenses.

Mary Elizabeth Emery, 34, of Cary, N.C., daughter of Mary Margaret Dudley Emery and Donald Lamont Emery, to Robereyll Watkins, 33, of West Liberty, son of Kathy Watkins and Robert Edwards.

Priscilla Frisby, 42, of Bellefontain, Ohio, daughter of Loretta Spencer Frisby and William Roger Frisby, to Steven Carter, 52, of Milford, Ohio, son of Emily Saunders Carter and John Carter. Michelle E. McCarty, 50, of

West Liberty, daughter of Catherine Mae Üher Lemaster and Douglas Lemaster, to Rufus M. Smith, 51, of West Liberty, son of Rosie May Harlow Smith and Amos Smith. Joyce A. Holbrook, 55, of Ison-

ville, daughter of Rinda J. Spencer Oliver and Owen D. Oliver, to Roy Brickey, 70, of Sandy Hook, son of Ethel Holbrook Brickey and Will Brickey. Regina Mae Sayeed, 35, of

Lawton, Oklahoma, daughter of Janet Carole Jenkins Holbrook and Lowell McCoy Holbrook, to Iqbal Sayeed, 42, of Lawton, Oklahoma, son of Gurdeu Singh Sayeed and Usman Ahmed Say-

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Connie Peyton, Dan Warren Peyton and Margaret Peyton to Scott Wells, a parcel of land located on the north side of St. Rt. 2498 (Liberty Rd.), approximately 0.9 miles north of the east junction of US 460 in West Liberty, no monetary consideration. Maxine Moore to Thurman

Wright, land located on St.Rt. 1260, #\$1,295.

Jim Barker and Mary to Wilma Henson, land located on Elkfork, consideration of \$1 plus love and

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Johnny W. Johnson and Wilma to Jonathan Scott Johnson, land on the waters of Red River, beginning at the line of Roy Haney, love and affection.

Ronnie Smith and Janice to rene Jenkins, 1/2 acre, more or less, beginning at a culvert under the main road at the Ulas Hammons and Vernal Fannin property line, \$7,000.

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Morgan County Courthouse, circa 2005

"Time, Oh Time, Swift In Your Flight, Make Me A Child Again Just For Tonight"

By W. Lynn Nickell

Growing up in West Liberty. New Year's Eve was one of THE days of the year staying up to watch a new tear come in and making New Year resolutions was an exciting time for a young boy. At the age of 10 or so, with older siblings and hearing them talk about staying up until midnight was a grand thing. When I finally heard my mother say to me, "Yes, you can stay up until 12 o'clock," it was like swimming 22 Hollow for the first time, climbing to the top of the pump station on the river or walking the pipe fence around the Arnett and Sebastian property and any other exciting things a young kid did in West Liberty in the late 1930s and 40s. Now I could brag to Johnny Blair Harold Bellamy and Tommy Williams the next day that I stayed up til 12 o'clock.

Entering my teen years in the early 40s was a special time. During World War II there was very little gasoline and very few cars being driven, so young people congregated together like a covey of birds. They seemed to travel in groups and do things in bunches. Saturday night parties were common. I have often thought how thoughtful those parents were in town in those days that let a group of young people come into their homes to entertain themselves. The parties were nothing more than playing a few "parlor games," making candy and dancing. But what was fun to us I am sure would not be to today's generation. Can you imagine how entertaining "Musical Chairs," "Hot Potato" or "Post Office" would

be to today's kids? New Year's Eve was celebrated by walking "down town" to the courthouse lawn and gathering around. People

would usually start "gatherin' in" about 11:30 p.m. Of course they would begin asking each other, "What time you got?" I had an old Big Ben dollar pocket watch, which I still have, and I would set it before I went to town. Cars, what few there were, and what few people had gasoline to run them on, would start cruising Main Street ready to start blowing their horns. At that period of tie, it was possible to make a "U" turn at each end of Main Street, which extended to Pretonsburg Street on the north and Court Street on the south. There would be people at the three churches in town, Methodist, Christian and Baptist churches, getting ready to ring the church bells. As a teenager you could feel the excitement of everything building up to a climax at 12 o'clock.

At midnight, those driving cars would drive up and down Main Street making a U turn, back and forth, blowing their horns, some to save gasoline would park and b low their horns, church bells would ring and at times a few fire crackers would be set off. Then there was the hug and of course the New Year's Kiss and wishing a HAPPY NEW YEAR to each other. After about a half hour everyone would go home to begin a new year.

Leatha Nell and I don't make New Year's resolutions anymore because we wouldn't remember them by the next day! When we went to bed New Year's Eve, after watching an Abbot and Costello movie. Pawn Stars, and The Waltons, we talked about those New Year's Eves growing up in West Liberty and what a special time it was in our lives. Then we drifted off to sleep about 10:30!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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From The Letters Column Of The Lexington Herald-Leader

A couple of letters about the recent tragedy (at Sandy Hook School in Connecticut) prompted me to respond.

First, to the man who wants all guns to be confiscated: Besides the near impossibility that it could ever happen, history shows that it doesn't work. If we enforced the laws that we have, it would make a difference, but blaming the gun is like blaming the car when a drunken driver kills someone.

Another writer asked where was God. I assume he is referring to God Almighty who we, as a society, have decided best to remove from our schools and public places. It is curious that we decide things like that, but then immediately want to cry out and ask why? Evil feeds on people and societies that don't make God first and foremost in their lives.

All the laws in the world are not going to change humanity. Look at our drug situation and all the laws currently on the books, yet drugs are more abundant than ever. Our self-centred society is the problem. Fixing us is the solution.

Gary Thurman Frankfort

Congressman Hal Rogers On EPA Resignation Of EPA Chief

Dec. 27 — U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (Ky-05) released the following statement regarding today's announcement that Lisa Jackson is resigning from her post as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) after a nearly four-year tenure. Rogers questioned Jackson on several occasions about the EPA's "war on coal" in Appalachia and as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee consequently cut the EPA's budget below 1998 levels.

"News of Lisa Jackson's resignation from the EPA is like a late Christmas gift to the Appalachian coal fields. Under her charge, the war on coal raged as the EPA overstepped Congress year after year, and her refusal to approve mining permits has cost our region thousands of jobs and further disrupted America's economy. I hope her successor at EPA will understand the importance of coal and preserving our jobs with sensible environmental regulations. It's time to get our coal miners back to work by embracing domestic energy solutions that will shore up our country's economy for the long

Violent Video Games Train Shooters.

Stumbo Says Dec. 29 — Kentucky House Speaker Greg Stumbo said Friday he blames violent video games for training shooters. Stumbo said there's little the state legislature can do about it, but, he said, Congress certainly can.

Stumbo said at a news conference in Frankfort that he believes some of the gunmen who have committed atrocities in the U,S. have received their

training via video games. U.S. Senator Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., has introduced legislation that would direct the National Academy of Sciences to thoroughly investigate the impact of violent games on children's long-term well-being.

Tavern Can Allow Pole Dancing, Judge Says

ADAIRVILLE, Ky., Dec. 29 — A Logan County judge has ruled that a tavern that straddles the Kentucky-Tennessee state line be allowed to offer pole dancing.

Logan County officials had denied an entertainment permit earlier this year to tavern owner Sheila Haley, after she said she wanted to offer paid pole dancing at the Tenn-Tucky State

In his ruling, Circuit Court Judge Tyler Gill's ordered Judge-Executive Logan Chick to issue a permit. Gill also said a section of state law giving judge-executives "unfettered" discretion in issuing such permits violates the Kentucky Constitution and the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Chick issued the permit Friday, but prohibited drinking

Is rural America politically relevant?

A fair question, says columnist for The Economist

Dec. 20 — If Tom Vilsack doesn't remain secretary of agriculture in President Obama's second term, the former governor of Iowa may be remembered most for his declaration in "a surprisingly tough speech to farm groups" last month that rural America is getting less relevant because its share of the population is the lowest ever, 16 percent, and its advocates are not "picking the right fights," as the latest United States column in The Economist magazine puts it. (The Economist, which calls itself a newspaper, does not typically identify its writers; the U.S. columnist is dubbed "Lexington," for the Massachusetts town where our country's rebellion against the United Kingdom began.) Vilsack's message, which

he has continued to deliver in other speeches, prompted Lexington "to head to the countryside, to see how a (hopefully representative) rural community felt about its place in the American political system." He picked Vandalia, Ill., population 15,000, because it was the subject of a story last month in the Daily Yonder, commemorating the 50th anniversary of Joseph Lyford's book, The Talk in Vandalia, "a sensitive portrait of a farm community in transition," as writer Marcel LaFlamme, a Rice University graduate student, put it. (Photo by LaFlamme: Gallatin Street)

Noting that Chicago's Barack Obama got 28 percent fewer votes in Vandalia and Fayette County than last time, Lexington writes that rural places are "increasingly mysterious, drifting further and further away from larger cities in their values, politics and economics.... Is rural America still politically relevant? The question is sincere, and not mere journalistic impertinence. Since the 2012 presidential elections, a cottage industry of comment has sprung up, examining the growing ideological gulf between America's countryside and its urban centres." In Vandalia, "Locals talk of

how their values and priorities place them out of line with Illinois, and differ dramatically from Mr. Obama's vision for America." But there's "a touch of muddle," Lexington writes, because several local farmers 'would have been ruined by the harsh drought of 2012, were it not for federally-backed crop insurance. The city has received federal cash to renovate its handsome main street, and public money to renovate its main tourist attraction, a 19thcentury statehouse in which the young Abraham Lincoln served, during Vandalia's brief stint as capital of Illinois. The problem is a sense of powerlessness and accountability. Locals do not like being dependent on government money and

of the General Assembly. He

said if the Republican Senate

Caucus wants a vote on gaming

public works."

Vandalia "wishes to remain a living, risk-taking community, with a voice in big political fights of the day," Lexington concludes. "Yet in its fierce conservatism and piety (the city boasts 18 churches, or one for every 300 permanent residents), Vandalia feels the rest of America drifting away. Fifty years on the fight is not for survival, but for relevance."

In a broader, online version of the column, titled "Rural America's fight for relevance," Lexington quotes from a recent column by David Wasserman of the Cook Political Report about Republican legislators' drawing of congressional districts: "By purging Democrats and minorities from their own districts and into Democratic quarantine zones, Republicans may have drawn themselves into a durable House majority. But they have also drawn themselves into an alternate universe of voters that little resembles the growing diversity of the country."

The Economist, headquartered in England, is circulated globably, takes an editorial stance which is supportive of free trade, globalization, free immigration and some socially liberal causes. It targets highly educated readers and claims an audience containing many influential executives and policy-makers

Gaming is an issue that

Beshear, a Democrat, has been

pushing for several years as a

way to increase state revenues

and help the horse industry.

He has been opposed on the

issue by David Williams, who

preceded Stivers in the Senate's

Stivers lists State Senate priorities for 2013 session

Statement from Senator Robert Stivers regarding Senate legislative priorities during the 2013 regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly:

"At its recent legislative retreat the Senate Republican Caucus identified several key issues we intend to address during the next 2013 Legislative Session. Among these are:

*Reforming KY's public employee pension system;

*The future of the Medicaid Managed Care program and the budgetary impact of any expansion of the Medicaid population:

* Expansion of Military

*The cost of the implementation of Obamacare in Kentucky and the establishment of a Health Benefit Exchange; *Pro-life legislation includ-

ing informed consent:

*Strengthening oversight of special taxing districts.

I anticipate the Senate will pass at least one piece of legislation the first week we are in Session, and I am currently reviewing bill drafts to determine the legislation I will designate

as Senate Bill One and Two." In an interview with The Beattyville Enterprise, Stivers, the newly elected president of the Kentucky Senate, said he is looking for dialogue with Gov. Steve Beshear and all members he would allow it to go forward. **QUALITY**

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Letters Column

Wet-Dry, Yes or No?

We live in a nation where we all have a right to vote as we please but before doing so we need to be informed about the decision that we make. Once we make our decision we cannot change it and our right to say no or yes to anything it involves is given to whomever has control

In our community such a vote will take place to decide whether to make West Liberty (inside the city limits) wet or to leave it dry. "They" (those for making it wet) say there will be one box liquor store and that drinks will be available in restaurants only in the city limits. My understanding about the one box store is that according to the city's population, which includes the prison inmates even though they cannot vote, that is what the law

"They" also tell us about the taxes we are missing out on that neighboring counties are getting because we don't sell liquor here. "They" also say in order to get fine restaurants in our town it will have to go wet.

First let me say if you vote to make it wet you give control to those in charge to make any decisions that follow. If the

town grows there may be more than one box store and the way drinks are served can change as well without your input. All the other things that follow liquor sales will occur without your input. I still think many will go out of town to Sam's or discount retailers to buy their liquor. I would like to know what restaurant would locate in West Liberty just because it is voted wet. As for tax money, look at some counties to see if it has benefited them.

The thing "they" don't tell you is there will be children that will go hungry or be abused because of liquor that is sold here. Domestic violence will go up along with other crimes that will involve alcoholic drinks that are sold here. What about those who have a drink with a meal and are involved in a accident, how will that be handled?

And then there will be those who don't drink responsibly who will die or cause someone else's death. We all know these are true facts that you can't control if you vote yes to being wet.

Count the cost, vote to keep West Liberty dry.

Karl Elam, Pastor **Broadway First** Church of God

ing the prohibition.

on the Kentucky side of the bar. Haley's attorney, Alan Simp-

son, says he anticipates appeal-

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Area **Deaths**

Goldie Trent Hitch

Trent Hitch, age 91, of Ky. 173, West Liberty, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, December 23,



Rehab Center in Sandy Hook, She was born May 27, 1921,

in Rowan County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late John Harvey and Minnie Slone Trent. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her four sisters, Sabra Trent, Rena Trent, Nola Stigall, and Recia Trent, and six brothers, Atlee, Ersel, Corbia, Henry, Orbia and Odie Trent. Her husband, Chester Hitch,

passed away on June 16, 1970; a son, Glennis "Bill" Hitch (husband of Rebecca) on June 26, 1988; and a great granddaughter, Bridgett Hitch on March 10, 1982. Mrs. Hitch is survived by

five daughters, Vivian Mae Adkins (wife of the late Claude Adkins) of Morehead, Kentucky, Evalena and Don Wendell Horton of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, Shirley Jones of Dayton, Ohio, Karen "Gay" Dalton of Morehead, Kentucky, Joyce and Stephan Pennington of Morehead, Kentucky; six sons, James and Judy Hitch, Chester, Jr. and Ava Hitch, Michael Hitch (husband of the late Mary Hitch), Charles "Tony" and Diana Hitch, David and Fhonda Hitch, Darrell and Rhonda Hitch, all of Sandy Hook, Kentucky; 26 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and 6 great-great grandchildren. Goldie's life always cen-

tered on her family. She enjoyed homemaking, cooking, and gardening, but most of all, loved spending time with her family and friends. Funeral services were con-

ducted 1 p.m. Thursday, December 27, 2012, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel in Morehead with Rev. Winston McClurg and Rev. James McGlone officiating. Burial was in the Hitch Cemetery in Elliott County.

Grandchildren served as pallbearers.

Betty Mayabb

Betty R. Bush Mayabb, 71, of Campton, beloved wife of John Mayabb, departed this life on Monday,



sionate Care Center, in Rich-She was a daughter of the

late Courtney and Gracie Burse Bush, born at Trent, Kentucky, on March 4, 1941.

She is survived by her husband, John Mayabb; three sons, Jeff Phelps and wife, Patti, of Stanford, Ronnie Phelps and wife, Tammy, of Versailles, and Jonathan Mayabb and wife, Leah, of Campton; one daughter, Teresa Banks, of Campton; one sister, Dorothy Elam, of Grassy Creek; six grandchildren, Josh Phelps, Jordan Phelps, Eric Brewer, Brock Beasley, Ben Phelps and Tayler

Mayabb; 6 great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, William Bush, James Bush and Charles Bush; eight sisters, Pearl Matthews, Bessie Phillips, Alice Ball, Hazel Linkous, Viola Wilson, Fern McCoy, Mable Barker, and Lillie Bush.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at Porter and Son Funeral Directors Chapel, with Bro. James Humphries and Bro. Tom Byrd officiating. Burial followed in Evans Cemetery, at Campton, with arrangements entrusted to Porter and Son Funeral Directors, of Campton.

Pallbearers were Ben Phelps, Josh Phelps, Jordan Phelps, Brock Beasley, Eric Brewer, Daniel Mayabb, Wade Mayabb, Keith Barker and Ricky Elam.

Honorary pallbearers were nephews and family.

Harvey "Joe" **Malcom Fannin**

Mr. Harvey "Joe" Malcom Fannin, age 70, of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, passed away Monday morning, December 24, 2012, at his



residence. He was born April 15, 1942, a son of the late Cecil and Lissie Conley Fannin. He was a retired

self-employed carpenter and a farmer and was a member of Middle Fork Church of God. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, William Fannin and James Hutchinson; two sisters,

Jean Harris and Florence Smith;

one grandson, Joseph Penix,

and one step-son, Larry Dale He is survived by his wife

of eight years, Ruby Lewis Fannin; two step-sons, Gregory Dale Oliver of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, Ronald Craig of Grayson, Kentucky; one daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Terry Penix of West Liberty,

Kentucky; two step-daughters, Sheila Oliver of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, Carla Fraley of Lexington, Kentucky; one brother, Mervil Fannin of Fairborn, Ohio; one sister, Evelyn Wash of Lexington, Kentucky; one grandson and his spouse, Zachary and Kayla Penix of Sandy Hook, Kentucky; one great-grandson, Jaden Penix; four step-grandchildren, Jacob Cantrell, Lara Fraley, Larissa Oliver, Amanda Harper, and two step-great grandchildren, Larryn Oliver and Maelana Funeral services were con-

ducted Saturday, December 29, 201,2 in the Chapel of Waddell & Whitt Funeral Home with Brother Chris Gilliam and Brother Mike Adkins officiating. Burial was in the Conley Cemetery at Crockett, Kentucky. Pallbearers were Zachary Penix, Terry Penix, Jim Lewis,

Paul Keeton, Ronnie Craig, Michael Hutchinson, Nathan Stevens, Cletis Conley, Roy Brickey and Phillip Fannin. Honorary pallbearers in

Heaven were Joseph Penix and Larry Oliver. www.waddellandwhitt.com

Edward Dale Pennington Edward

Dale Pennington. six-year-old son of James Dane Pennington and Lottie Mae Lyons, of

Fall Lane, Clearfield, Ky., died Thursday, December 20, 2012, from injuries sustained in a fire at his home.

Born October 10, 2006, in Rowan County, he was a kindergarten student at Rodburn Elementary School in Morehead. In addition to his parents,

he is survived by one brother, James D. Pennington of Morehead; two half-brothers, Trey Lyons of West Liberty, Ky.,

and Raymond Bishop of Sandy Hook, Ky.; three sisters, Jessica Sue Pennington, Ashley Dawn Pennington and Amy Lynn Pennington, all at home; one half-sister, Angel Lyons of West Liberty, and maternal grandmother, Gracie Rowe of Sandy Hook. He was preceded in death

by his maternal grandfather, Charles Fyffe, and paternal grandmother, Stella Penning-Funeral services were con-

ducted Sunday, Dec. 30. 2012, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals in Morehead by Bro. Virgil Franklin Gilliam. Burial was in the Baldridge Cemetery in Clearfield.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

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Walter Wright

Walter "Peanut" Wright, 82, of Hwy. 437, West Liberty, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at his residence.

Born March 3, 1930, in Morgan County, Kentucky, Walter was a son of the late Johnny Wright and Millie Gamble

He was a carpenter and farmer, and was of the Baptist

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Harold Wright; four brothers, Ell Wright, Bill Wright, Lige Wright, and Tommy Wright; four sisters, Della Wright, Alkie Wright, Vick Cantrell, and Betty Hall.

Survivors include his wife,

Doshie Wright; four sons, Johnny Wright, Donnie Wright, and Ronnie Wright, all of West Liberty, and Hearl Wright, of Paris; two daughters, Carol (Hearl) Gamble, of West Liberty, and Susie (Roy) Robbins, of Owingsville; one sister Rosie Cordell, of Winchester, Ohio; 23 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; and 5 great, great grandchildren. Funeral services were con-

ducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29. at Williams Creek Elkfork Community Church, with Bro. Mike Frisby and Bro. Benny Wright officiating. Burial followed in the Lacy Cemetery, at Elk Fork, with Magoffin County Funeral Home, of Salyersville, in charge of arrangements.

Lawrence Jones

Lawrence Jones, age 72, of Denniston, Ky., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 26, in St. Joseph Hospital, Mt.Sterling, Ky.

Born June 4, 1941, at Denniston, Ky., he was a son of the late John Alex and Opal Kendrick Jones. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior.

Besides his parents.he was preceded in death by one sister. Inez Toth, and one brother. Clarence Jones.

Surviving are his caregiver,

Jean Miller of Denniston, Ky.; four sisters, Fanny Morgerson, Jamestown, Tenn., Marlene Hutchins, Memphis, Tenn., Nannie Guerra of Michigan, and Ines Webb, Detroit, Mich., and one brother, Janrose Jones, Dayton, Ohio.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012, at in the Jones Cemetery, Denniston, Ky., with J.D. Trimble officiating.

Menifee Home for Funerals, Frenchburg, Ky., was in charge of arrangements.

Lacy Creek
Dec. 31--Recent visitors over the Christmas holiday were Dwayne, Amy Nickell, Jonathan and Charity, Randy Nickell, Randa, Shelby, Josh Brewer, Sharon Haney, Patty Ball, Dell Marie Harper, Jimmie and Sandy McClure and sons. Darrell and Ella Mae Nickell and Randy Nickell ate Christmas dinner with Jimmie and Sandy McClure and sons. Darrell and Ella Mae Nickell, Jr. Anrett, Roby Gullett, M.T. Wireman and wife, Stella, attended church in Montgomery County Sunday. Shelbi and Randy Nickell spent Sunday night with Darrell and Ella Mae Nickell. The Nickells visited recently with Bobby Cottle.

Joyce LeMaster visited recently with Jan Jones, Langley and Glynda Franklin. Nicholas Blackburn and Joyce LeMaster visited recently with Sharon Lewis, Athena Blackburn, Joyce LeMaster, Sharon Lewis, and Leova Lewis attended the viewing of Jerry Lewis at

Hall Bros. Funeral Home, at Martin, recently. Mr. and Mrs.

Dan LeMaster, Jr. and Nicholas Blackburn visited recently with Jewell Young and Tanner Mabry. William Dan LeMaster, Leova Lewis, Tom, Athena Blackburn and Nicholas spent Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Dan LeMaster, Jr. William Dan, Tom, Athena and Nicholas ate Christmas breakfast with the LeMasters. William Dan also ate dinner with the LeMasters on Sunday.

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born you bring us peace and joy this morn. With love, we celebrate your birth. Heaven's child sent down to earth. The prophets knew that you would come. The Savior born for everyone, though, ever new, your story's old. So long ago it was foretold, mary, your Mother, sweet and mild, knew that you were the Holy Child, chosen by God your Mother to be among

all women most blessed was

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Isaiah 55:11 So shall my

word be that goeth forth out of

my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Eternal life springs forth from the word of God, but it needs to fall on good The message came from Matthew 13:1-23 where Jesus gives us the parable of the sower and the seed. He spoke in parables because he could show us spiritual things by explaining them with things in

the natural that we understand. In this parable a sower goes forth to sow seed. The first thing to point out is the seed is the word of God. Just like a bag of seed, if the seed comes from the top of the bag or the bottom it is the same seed. Preachers preach messages from Genesis to Revelation, it is all the word of God that is the power of God unto salvation. There is nothing wrong with the seed, it's the ground that it is sown on that determines if it will grow or not. The first place Jesus says

the seed falls is by the wayside where the fowls came and devoured it. There are many who may hear the word of God but

never gives it a chance to grow. Then there are those where the seed falls on a tender part of their hard heart and the seed starts to grow but because it doesn't have any deepness of earth the seed can't develop right. Someone who starts out as a christian and faces trouble and persecution and is offended gives up trying because the devil tells them they can't live it.

The third place the seed falls is among the thorns. Have you ever notice weeds will grow anywhere while it takes a lot of work to grow good seed. As christians we need to get rid of the weeds in our lives to let the word (seed) grow so we can bring forth fruit. If we don't the cares of this world will choke us until we can not bear fruit. Then there is the seed that falls on good ground (a heart receptive to the word) that bears fruit. We all have the potential to be the best christian that God wants us to be if we let the word grow in our hearts and lives. What type of ground is your heart? Come worship with us, we preach about things like this. For prayer requests or com-

ments contact us by email at karleeelam@hotmail.com or phone 743-4736; we'll be glad to hear from you. Until next week may the Lord bless you is our prayer. Your Pastor and Friend

Karl Elam

NRCS announces Southeast Ky. **Early Successional Habitat initiative**

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 5--The US Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has an exciting new initiative in several eastern and southeastern Kentucky counties that may be of interest to landowners. The Southeast Kentucky Early Successional Habitat Initiative is focused on creating and maintaining areas of early successional habitat for wildlife on privately owned nonindustrial forested and agricultural land. Early successional habitat includes areas of young regenerating forest, weedy old fields, and shrubby reclaimed mine lands. This initiative is being offered in Kentucky under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

The goal of this initiative is to increase the amount of early successional habitat for a suite of wildlife species by providing private landowners with technical guidance and potential financial assistance. These seemingly unproductive habitats are very productive for wildlife, as many species, both game and non-game, either depend on or greatly benefit from areas of early successional habitat within or adjacent to mature forest stands. Ruffed grouse, American woodcock, cottontail rabbits, golden-winged warblers, cerulean warblers, wild turkey, elk, and deer are some of the many species that can benefit by managing for early successional habitat. Priority for these younger stage forest and field habitats is needed because they are generally lacking within the initiative area due to forest maturation and a lack of active forest management.

Emphasis will be placed on conservation practices including Forest Stand Improvement

(TSI, patch clear cuts, edge feathering), Brush Management (controlling invasive species), and Tree/Shrub Establishment (planting desirable species), but other practices are available also. Detailed conservation plans and recommendations will be developed for program participants by wildlife biologists with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife resources (KDFWR), in conjunction with NRCS conservationists. The Southeast Kentucky

Early Successional Habitat Initiative is being offered in the following Kentucky counties: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Elliott, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Rockcastle, Whitley, and Wolfe.

Applications for EQIP are accepted at local NRCS offices year-round. However, to be considered for funding during 2013, applications must be received by one of two upcoming ranking cut-off dates: January 18 and April 19, 2013.

For more information or to apply for the Southeast Kentucky Early Successional Initiative, please contact your local District Conservationist. Marty McCleese at (606) 743-3194 ext. 114. (http://offices. sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app) or KDFWR Private Lands Biologist.

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"Everyone hopes they won't be the person sliding off the road or crashing into another vehicle when a snowstorm hits, but ice and snow on the streets can be just as hazardous to an experienced driver as they are to an inexperienced one," said KFB Insurance Vice President of Claims, Greg Youngblood. "Staying off the roads until the conditions are clear and dry is really the best way to avoid being in a wintertime collision."

While not everyone is able to completely avoid driving whenever it snows, all drivers can make a few advance preparations to help increase the chances for a safe journey. Vehicle upkeep and modified driving behaviors are essential in the winter as road and vehicle conditions are often quite different during this season than at other times of the year. In addition to scheduling the

regular maintenance that keeps a vehicle running at the highest level year-round, KFB advises all drivers to make extra preparations for cold-weather driving or commuting during snowfall. Kentucky drivers can optimize their vehicle's performance for snow, ice and freezing temperatures by checking:

Tire treads – Special treads on snow tires provide optimal grip on icy roads, but at a minimum regular tires should be inspected to insure that an appropriate amount of tread is available on each wheel.

Air pressure – Measure the air pressure of each tire to make sure it is filled to the manufacturer's suggested PSI (pounds per square inch). The PSI is listed in the owner's manual as well as on a label found on the inside of the driver's door.

Fluid levels – The salt and sand on the road that comes with winter weather removal often ends up on windshields, making it is essential to have a full tank of no-freeze washer fluid. Additional checks on the engine's coolant system should also be made to spot leaks and make sure enough coolant is in the reservoir to withstand the colder winter temperatures.

Windshield wipers – Vision on the roadways is imperative but not always possible if a vehicle's windshield wipers are worn. Replace wipers before the snow and ice hits.

Battery - It takes more power to start a vehicle in cold weather than in warmer conditions, and battery power drops as temperatures get colder. Have a mechanic check the charge on the vehicle's battery and keep jumper cables handy for those extra cold mornings.

Gas tank - Fuel line freeze up is a wintertime headache in many driveways. Keep a vehicle's tank at least two-thirds full during the winter to help keep air and condensation from freezing and preventing gas flow to the engine. Headlights, mirrors and win-

dows - Drivers should always remove ice and snow from all mirrors, windows and head and tail lights before pulling onto the road. The importance of being able to see and be seen

8. Caudal Regression Syn-

9. Child T-Cell Lymphoblas-

10. Congenital Lymphedema 11. DeSanctis Cacchione

13. Endometrial Stromal

14. Erdheim Chester Disease

15. Fatal Familial Insomnia

17. Fulminant Giant Cell

18. Hepatopulmonary Syn-

19. Hepatorenal Syndrome

20. Jervell and Lange-

23. Malignant Germ Cell

24. MECP 2 Duplication

25. Menkes Disease-Classic

26. NFU-1 Mitochondrial

27. Non-Ketotic Hypergl-

28. Peritoneal Mucinous

29. Phelan-McDermid Syn-

30. Retinopathy of Prematu-

32. Severe Combined Immu-

34. Transplant Coronary

35. Usher Syndrome-Type I

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A HELPING HAND

Some people go all year long without taking the time to help others. Thank goodness we have the holidays. The bells and lights and cards remind us to extend a helping hand and a compassionate heart to those less fortunate. It is easier to remember the needy when compassion and generosity surround us. And it is a good thing to do. Our next step is to carry these feelings with us in every season of the year.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

THE GREATEST HUNGER

Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everyone... I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat. We must find

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)



Wireless phone winner

Cameron Adkins was winner of the pre-Christmas Wireless Samsung phone promotion offered by Appalachian Wireless and the Licking Valley Courier. The package, valued at \$2,765, includes a year's supply of services. Adkins, accepts his Wireless Samsung phone from Courier office manager, Janie Collinsworth.

Support Your Local Community.

Licking Valley Courier staff moves into new building

The Licking Valley Courier staff recently moved into a new office building at their customary 142 Prestonsburg St. location after working for nine months in a temporary mobile unit following the March 2 tornado.

The previous office was severely damaged by the storm, which also destroyed the nearby home of Publisher Earl Kinner, who wrote the following statement:

"Like almost every business in town, The Courier was devastated by the tornado on March 2. But through God's grace, we have been able to survive and build back.



"The same goes for others besides us who love and believe in the viability of this community. Look around, they're rebuilding, too, and looking to the future. Everyone knows {West Liberty's} regrowth is going to take time, but there's not much quit out there. The Courier has been a part of the community for over 100 years and, God willing, we very much want it to be a part of the town's rebirth, to publicize and record the progress and the names of the business people, local leaders, organizations and individuals

who make it all happen." The new Courier headquarters – the exterior strikingly similar to that of the previous building – was constructed by Standafer Builders.

In the month following the tornado, staff members traveled to The Mt. Sterling Advocate office to produce The Licking Valley Courier, The Wolfe County News and The Elliott County News before they returned to West Liberty in early April.

The first post-tornado edition of The Courier dated Thursday, March 8, 2012 – which included a banner headline that read "Thank God for sparing so many" - was cited by Judge Executive Tim Conley during a March 9 press conference as an example of the community's resolve to rebuild.

"LVC Publisher Earl Kinner lost his office and his home to the tornado," Conley said, holding a copy of the newspaper. "Despite that, he and his staff worked hard to get out their paper. Here it is... Only one day late, amazingly. Morgan Countians might get knocked down, but we don't give up."

News Editor Miranda Cantrell said the staff looks forward to covering West Liberty's revival.

"This is our town and we also want to do our part," Cantrell said. "The Licking Valley Courier will always be here to tell Morgan County's story."

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Social Security new Compassionate Allowances Conditions announced

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ASHLAND, Kv. Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, recently announced 35 additional Compassionate Allowances conditions are in effect, bringing the total number of conditions in the expedited disability process to 200. Syndrome Compassionate Allowances are a way to quickly identify diseases and other medical conditions that, by definition, meet Social Security's standards for disability benefits. The program fast-tracks disability decisions to ensure that Americans with the most serious disabilities receive their benefit decisions within days instead of months or years. These conditions primarily include certain cancers, adult brain disorders, and a number of rare disorders that

"We have achieved another milestone for the Compassionate Allowances program, reaching 200 conditions," Commissioner Astrue said. "Nearly 200,000 people with severe disabilities nationwide have been quickly approved, usually in less than two weeks, through the program since it began in

By definition, these conditions are so severe that Social Security does not need to fully develop the applicant's work history to make a decision. As a result, Social Security eliminated this part of the application process for people who have a condition on the list.

October 2008.'

Social Security has held seven public hearings and worked with experts to develop the list of Compassionate Allowances conditions. The hearings also have helped the agency identify ways to improve the disability process for applicants with Compassionate Allowances

For more information on the Compassionate Allowances initiative, please visit www. socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances

New Compassionate Allowances Conditions

- 1. Adult Non-Hodgin Lym-
- 2. Adult Onset Huntington

5. Aplastic Anemia

- 3. Allan-Herndon-Dudley
- 4. Alveolar Soft Part Sar-

6. Beta Thalassemia Major

7. Bilateral Optic Atrophy-

Serenity comes not alone by removing the outward causes and occasions of fear, but by the

Rufus M. Jones

Quotable Quote

discovery of inward reservoirs to draw upon.

"I'd choose the Bible," said "How about you?" they "I would choose Thomas's Guide to Practical Shipbuild-

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Highland Lodge recognizes building committee, thanks all who helped rebuild after tornado

Highland Lodge 311, F&AM, of West Liberty recently presented a Builders Plaque to the lodge's Building Committee, from left, Larry Lykins, Treasurer; Ken Williams, Master; Les Smith, Secretary, and Mike Holbrook, Master Mason and contractor. Highland Lodge members want to acknowledge and thank all the Masons and others who made their rebuilding effort possible following the March 2 tornado through their volunteer work, monetary contributions, food donations, and the skilled craftsmen who helped so much. Special thanks goes to Mizpah Lodge 507, F&AM, of Hazel Green for the use of their lodge, financial help, and food in the aftermath of the tornado which left Highland Lodge destitute of possessions and resources. "We will never forget the kindness of Mizpah Lodge in our time of great need," said Highland Master Ken Williams.

Kellacey

By Sandra Carpenter

Dec 31-2012 — Thought of

Life is short. Life is fast. There are no rewinds. Go forth in your life. Do the things, Say the things, Be who you are. Live the way, you have always wanted to. There are no second

We have entered into another year (2013). I hope everyone will prosper and grow physically, mentally, financially, and spiritually. Now that Christmas is over everyone can let out a

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slight (ah). It's a busy time with lots of errands and visiting and so forth. But, now we can relax for a while and say Thank God we made it through.

The writer prepared Christmas brunch on Dec 25 at the home of Barbara Carpenter. Those attending were the writer, Barbara, and Harold Goodpaster, Tamera and Dalton Tate. Adam Tate couldn't be with us. He had to work. Everyone enjoyed the food and gathering.

The writer accompained Harold Goodpaster to the E. R. at St. Claire on Friday, Dec 28. While having some tests, Gearld and Nettie Goodpaster came down also and sat with us. Everything seemed to be ok. A sinus infection and a few other minor things.

Get well to Juanita Pieratt, who had an accident. She was taken to the hospital. Her son, Tommy, stayed with her several days and helped out. Hope you feel better soon. And be careful.

Dec 19 the writer acompained Barbara Carpenter to Winchester to get an update on her hand surgery. She will begin physical therapy on it. We stopped and picked up Tamera Tate to go with us.

Kendall Carpenter of Mt. Sterling visited on Dec. 20 with keep you away from the Bible. Barbara Carpenter, Also visiting were the writer and Harold Goodpaster.

Gearld Goodpaster visited on Saturday, Dec 29, with Harold Goodpaster, Barbara Carpenter, and the writer. Good to have him.

Dean Bailey is in the hospital in Lexington. He isn't doing verywell. He needs everyone's prayers.

Get well wishes to Opal Cole who has been under the weather and in the hospital. Hope you feel better soon.

Carolyn Montgomery's uncle, Willard Wright of Beckly, W.Va, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 29. Prayers go out to his Dec 22 guest of Mason and

Carolyn Montgomery were Phillip Montgomery and Rebecca. They had breakfast with them. Later Carolyn visited with her daughter, Paula, who was admitted to the hospital.

Christmas eve supper guest of Carolyn and Mason Montgomery were Billy and Jocelyn Bolin, Jeff, Lennie and Josh Montgomery, Stephanie, Cody, and Skyler Goodpaster.

Prayer request for Gary Daniels, Juanita Pieratt, Harold Goodpaster, Barbara Carpenter, family of Willard Wright, Mason Montgomery, Dean Bailey, Louise Hall and all the sick round and about. Also there is a sinus like infection going

Either the Bible will keep you away from sin. Or sin will

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Carlie Jo Basham 12-27, Kristy Goodpaster 1-3, Brenda Jenkins 1-3, Kenneth Cantrell 1-5, Destiny Bowman 1-6, Kathy Bolin 1-7 Dewey & Brandy Privett 1-7

PEPPER STEAK WITH RICE

2 & ½ lbs round steak 2 pkgs dry mushroom gravy

1 jar (6 oz) mushrooms

1 med onion (diced)

pepper rings cooked rice

Cut steak into cubes. Coat with flour and brown. Add gravy mix, mushrooms, onion, and pepper rings. Simmer until tender. Serve over cooked rice.

AMISH BUTTERSCOTCH **BROWNIES**

1/4 cup butter

1 cup brown sugar

1 tsp baking powder

1 cup flour

1 tsp vanilla

½ tsp salt

½ cup nuts

1 - 2 Tablespoon milk if needed

Melt butter in pan then stir in sugar. Heat until sugar has melted. Cool. Add beaten egg, flour, vanilla, salt, and baking powder. Add nuts. If batter is too thick, add milk. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Cut into squares while hot. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Your **Social Security**

How "Ticket To Work" **Helped Terry Anderson**

Build A Better Life

The summer of 2007 felt like a bad dream for Terry Anderson. Reeling from a recent cancer diagnosis, she was downsized from the company where she'd worked for 11 vears. "There was no severance. I had no insurance," she said. "I was terrified." Terry began receiving Social Security disability benefits and took an extended period of time away from work. Later, Terry learned



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about 'one-stop cancer centers' that provide free employmentrelated support services through Social Security's Ticket to Work program to people receiving Social Security benefits. She decided to see what the Iowa Workforce Development Center, her local one-stop, had to offer. There are more than a thousand one-stop career centers across the nation.

The one-stop staff explained that the Ticket program is designed for people who receive Social Security disability benefits and are committed to achieving self-sufficiency through eventual full-time employment. Through the Ticket program, Iowa Workforce helped Terry coordinate her career preparation and job hunt. She updated her computer skills and built confidence in her prospects for long-term success. 'They offered workshops on interview skills," she said. "I had my resume refurbished. I learned fresh strategies. At first, I was too proud to ask for help, I'm glad that I did."

While Terry was eager to move on, she was apprehensive about finding work and losing her benefits. Terry learned about special Social Security rules called 'work incentives,' that help people who receive disability benefits transition to the workforce and become financially self-sufficient.

For example, people receiving disability benefits can keep their Medicare coverage and their cash benefits while gainthe Trial Work Period. Terry was relieved to learn about another Work Incentive called 'expedited reinstatement,' allowing her Social Security cash benefits to restart without a new application if she had to stop work within five years because of her disability.

Another helpful Work Incentive, known as a Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS) allows Social Security disability recipients who meet the income rules for Supplemental Security Income (SS1) to set aside money to pay for items or services they need to reach a specific work goal. These can include educational expenses, training, job-related transportation, business startup costs, tools and equipment, child-care costs and even the cost of job interview clothes. By approving a PASS, Social Security agrees to exclude certain income that would normally lower an SSI payment amount. At the same time, the person agrees to go to work, with the goal of eventually leaving disability benefits behind and becoming financially self-sufficient.

In 2009, Terry found work as a Loan Servicing Specialist and a second job in retail where she trains cashiers and enjoys interacting with customers. Terry was grateful that Social security helped her "get through the storm." She built a better life through work. She no longer receives Social Security disability benefits. "Now I'm healthy. I have two jobs. I love both of them. Life if good."

With support from Ticket to Work and Iowa Workforce Development Center, Terry found her path to self sufficiency. To learn more about the Ticket to Work program, call the Ticket to Work help line at 1-866-968-7842 (TTY/TTD, 1-866-833-2967) or visit www. socialsecurity.gov/work.

please contact the Ashland of-

fice toll free at (866-269-3993.

Bernard O'Nan is the District Manager at the Ashland Social Security Office. If you have questions or concerns,

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Morgan ARH MEDICAL Moment

One recent study found a 24% decrease in heart attacks, attributed mainly to better preventive practices.

CHD: Are We Winning the Battle?

Coronary heart disease is still the number one killer of American men and women. But heart attacks are decrease ing, and persons who have an attack are more likely to survive-continuing a trend that started many years ago and is gathering momentum.

The good news in the 1970s and 1980s resulted from ground-breaking events-the development and use of coronary artery bypass graft surgery and balloon angioplasty: the Framingham Heart Study and better understanding of the role of diet and exercise in the prevention of heart disease.

The results of these and continuing advances in treatment are now beginning to show up. Data from three million members of Kaiser Permanente Northern California health system found a 24 percent decline in the number of heart attacks and a similar decrease in heart attack deaths from 1999 through 2008. And for ST-elevation heart attacks, the most damaging kind, the drop was 62 percent. Those results were echoed by a Canadian study finding a 30 percent decrease in heart attack deaths from 1994 through 2004.

Authors of the Kaiser Permanente study stressed the importance of adopting healthier lifestyles on a large scale. During the study period, Kaiser patients were less likely to smoke and they succeeded in lowering their average blood pressure and cholesterol.

We know the risk imposed by tobacco, and the decline in cigarette smoking is undoubtedly based on increased acceptance of that fact. Less widely known is research showing that exposure to second-hand smoke creates a cardiovascular risk nearly as great as that of active smoking. Several studies have documented dramatic declines in heart attacks following passage of laws restricting smoking in public places.

The American diet has been changing gradually over the past four decades. The early emphasis on strictly low-fat eating has been modified somewhat, now focusing on replacing unhealthy saturated and trans fats with healthy ones (monounsaturated oils, nuts, fatty fish). Through the Mediterranean diet and similar plans, it's possible to pursue pleasurable eating and good health at the same time.

Americans still consume too many calories and too much sugar (much of it in the form of soft drinks). Obesity, particularly among children and adolescents, continues at an epidemic pace. Obesity leads to diabetes, and diabetes increases the risk of heart disease. Considering these facts, the progress found in the study is heartening...although clearly the battle is far from over.

The American Heart Association's guidelines for regular exercise are also well known. Those who follow the guidelines have a way of controlling their weight, blood pressure and cholesterol through activities that strengthen the heart and blood vessels.

In addition to making lifestyle changes, Kaiser Permanente patients were increasingly likely over the course of the study to use prescribed medications such as aspirin, anticoagulants and blood pressure and cholesterol-lowering medications.

As the number of heart attacks has declined, so has the rate of heart attack deaths-from 10.5 percent within 30 days of an attack in 1999 to 7.8 percent in In 1999, according to the Kaiser study, 47 percent of heart attacks were the more serious type, but by 2008, this number had fallen to 23 percent. One reason for this decline was prevention; another was undoubtedly better detection of less serious attacks, prompting more aggressive attention to risk factors.

In a non-ST-segment elevation heart attack (the less serious kind), movement of blood is slow but only partially blocked. This can be treated with the use of clot-dissolving medications. The more severe ST-segment elevation heart attack involves a complete blockage of a coronary artery, and instant action must be taken to prevent death or serious damage to the heart muscle. Today, this is most commonly achieved through balloon angioplasty or coronary artery bypass graft surgery.

Having proper facilities, equipment and personnel is crucial, of course. But so is timing. Reducing the "door-to-balloon" time has been a major priority of hospitals; this is the time that elapses from the moment the patient enters the door of the emergency room until lifesaving treatment is administered.

The battle against heart disease is being waged on many fronts. Prevention-through lifestyle changes and medication-is working. And when heart attacks occur, doctors are prepared to take definitive action.

Community **Bulletin Board**

Farm equip. for rent at **Conservation District**

Morgan County Conservation District has for rent an aerator, two renovators, an ag sprayer, and a lime spreader for farm owners in Morgan County. Please call the Conservation District at (606) 743-3194 ext. 3 and speak to Donna Leach if you have any questions about renting this equipment or stop by the office at 955 Prestonsburg Street, Ste. 2, West Liberty.

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OLIVER HANEY CEMETERY NOTICE

Thank you for your contributions last year to help keep the cemetery mowed and cleaned. I hope we can count on your continued support for this year. Contributions can be sent to the following address: Oliver Haney Cemetery Fund, c/o Shirley J. Cassity, 900 Hwy. 844, West Liberty, Ky. 41472. C-4-12-tf

Gateway Job Club

The WIA program has a Job Club every week on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Gateway office. Our Job Club is located in the same building where the Morgan County Library is, on the 3rd floor--room 307. If you are unemployed then Job Club is the place to be. Job listings will be available at all meetings. We plan to have guest speakers from businesses at Job Club to inform you of what they look for in an employee. We offer help with resumes and interview skills. The Job Club services are free, so come out and join us. We look forward to assisting you. If you need additional information contact Sidney Castle at (606) 743-3133. C-7-19-TF

Gateway bi-monthly meeting set Jan. 10

Gateway Community Action Agency will hold bi-monthly board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 10. The meeting will be held in Frenchburg at the Menifee County Community Building and will begin at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to

Redeemed Regular Ch. special services

Redeemed Regular Church will hold special services Adkins) Benton welcome their nightly beginning Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. Morgan County Football Coach, Elder Brian Turner, and Pastor Tim Porter, from Little Fork Church, in Elliott County, will be preaching. Everyone is invited to attend. Come out and join us!

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Nurse Aide class registration extended

The next class begins Monday, Jan. 14, and will finish March 1, 2013. Call (606) 738-4270 to make an appointment to register for this class. Don't miss out. The class fills up quickly, so register by January 7, 2013.

This is a "blended" program, and combines an on-line program, and a 1-on-1 supervised lab skills program. The on-line portion is accessible 24/7 on any computer that has an internet connection. The advantage is that a student can study any time and anyplace. There is no such thing as a missed lesson!

books and materials, state testing fee, tuition, lab, on-line fee, administrative fees and is payable in full by January 14, 2013. A limited amount of scholarship funds is available to qualified

The fee of \$650 includes

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Center, or call (606) 738-4270.

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Tornado recovery help is available

Help is available for anyone affected by the March 2 tornado if your recovery needs have not been covered by insurance or FEMA. Those in most need will be helped first.

To discuss your unmet needs, call Linda at 743-1225. There is no application form, but information about your perosnal situation needs to be collected. Linda may be able to hep you if you call.

The Morgan County Long Term Recovery Team is a nonprofit local organization whose goal is to help those who need help. Please call 743-1225.

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Caney Valley News

By Tracey Hatton Dec. 31 – Hello again from

Caney Valley!

Happy New Year 2013! The year of 2012 came and went so fast, like a blur.

Last week, at the end of the column, it should have printed the answer to: Ponder these thoughts in your heart." I will print a recap: What is greater than God (nothing), What is meaner than the devil (nothing). The poor people have it (nothing). The rich people want for it (nothing). You die if you eat it (nothing). The answer is NOTHING.

Boone and I attended the visitation of Clara Fallen Finch last Wednesday. Clara has now gone on to be with the Lord. Her family can take comfort in knowing that Clara is no longer suffering and she is in paradise.

Clara was a dedicated Christian. She would often call mom and talk with her before she moved to Winchester. We pray not only for Clara's family but for all the families who have lost loved ones this past year.

Miss Leah Vance, daughter of Sonny and Suzanne Vance, performed at the Mountain Arts Center during the Christmas holiday. She sang, "All I want for Christmas is You," and "Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Besides her dad and mom, her brother (Kendall Vance) and grandmother (Sue Vance) attended her performance. Sue said she did a wonderful job and was very proud of her.

Mr. and Mrs. Dustin (Tiffany first child on Dec. 21. His name is Robert Kenneth Kyle Benton. He was welcomed home by his maternal grandparents: Robert and Joyce Adkins, and his paternal grandmother, Ada Benton. Also welcoming him were aunts, uncles and cousins. Mom, dad and baby are doing well. Pray for this young family.

As 2013 begins, we all start making resolutions. We usually begin by saying, "I'm going on a diet, I am going to lose weight.' This is due in fact that we enjoyed the holidays and the great abundance of food of which we partook.

I would like to suggest some practical as well as needful resolutions. We all can improve in our spiritual walk. We can read our Bible more, we can pray more, we can witness more, we can attend church more. We can have a change of attitude by doing these needful things in our lives.

A great way of starting this year is to be available. You may say what do you mean? Availability is what the Lord Jesus is looking for in us. I would like to ask all of us (including myself), are we available to the Lord and are we available for the Lord to use us?

Many times Christians will make the statement, "I'm not sure what the Lord wants me to do or someone else is better at doing that than me." The Lord has called each one of us to do something. We need to be available and willing. Pray this year by asking the Lord, what would you have me do.

After we become available to the Lord, we need to take a stand. There is a song that I sing, "Serve the Lord." The lyrics stress to us (as Christians), "We have made our decision, we have staked our claim, we have drawn a line in the sand, and we won't be ashamed, with the the world behind us and the cross before, by the grace of

God we will serve the Lord.' The Lord said in the Book of Revelation, chapter 3:15-16 (He was talking about the church of Laodicea),"I know thy works, that thou are neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou are lukewarm, and neither

Santa Claus Visits the **Morgan County Public Library!**







On December 20, 2012, Santa Claus made a visit to the Morgan County Public Library and had his picture made with the children, who enjoyed story time, crafts, and refreshments as well. This is an annual event at the Library. We hope to see you next year! Until then, have a Happy New Year!

cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.'

Bible history states that the name of Laodicea means 'people ruling," and represents the unbelieving, materialistic church of all ages.

In 1st Corinthians 10:21, Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of the devils. Ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils."

In these verses, Christians have to make a decision, not only Christians, but all mankind has to make a decision. As Christians, we need to stand on Christian principles. We need to not only be available, but aware we are to take a stand. In Matthew 10:16, we need to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

As Christians, we will be persecuted for our faith, our belief, and our stand. In 2nd Corinthians, 4:7-9, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed, we are perplexed but not in despair, persecuted, but not forsaken, cast down, but not destroyed."

Stand strong brothers and sisters. Take a stand what is right. On Jan. 22, there is a special election (which is only 19 days away from this edition). This election affects not only the people in West Liberty, but our entire county. Be an encourager to your neighbors that live in the city limits and encourage them to vote NO to the sale of alcohol. Then to the ones of you who can vote, we will be praying that God strengthens you and you will cast your ballot in

Take a stand, don't be like the church at Laodicea, by trying to straddle the fence, it won't work. Believe in the true principles of the Lord. Be strong in your faith and in your witness. Take time to listen to that still small voice in your

In Romans 14:5, One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike, Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."

As Christians, we are to have the mind of Christ. That is where our fully persuaded comes in. We are no longer serving self, but we are serving the one who gave His life for ours. To leave you with a powerful thought.

As Bro. Harry Flannery was preaching this past Sunday morning, he made the statement, "If you were standing trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you of being one?" This truly is something to think about. Happy Birthday

Margi Lacy, Rayanna Con-

ley, Jason Frederick, Scarlett Barker, Helen Cravens, Larry Chaney, Aileen Gevedon, Logan Jones, Evelyn Howard and Donald Nickell. Happy Anniversary

Raymond and Peggy Vancleve. **Prayer Requests** Joyce Jones, Sandra Boatright, Cheryl Perry, Dor-

Alden and Naomi Collins,

othy Elam, Berchlene and Woodford Henry, Terry Bush, McKenna Conley Tackett, Jim and Sharon Sparks, Bro. Tim and Sarilda Clark, Bill Gullett, H.C. Prater, Bro. George and Joretta Oney, Randy Adkins, Rayla Lindon Castle, Owen Horner, Ryan Stacy, and always

remember the lost.

May God bless and keep

Halloween Fun Night at Morgan County Public Library! **Costume Contest Winners 2012!!!**





2nd Place Boy: Nate Newsome Girl: Kennedy Lewis



Funniest Costume Boy: Brennon Ison Girl: Ci Abeiaron



Most Original Costume Girl: Kaitlyn Watson

Boy: Terry Cox



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Historian and rural advocate sees growing distrust in government, less involvement in civic affairs

The Daily Yonder has excerpted historian and noted rural advocate Helen Lewis's Living Social Justice in Appala*chia*, just released by University Press of Kentucky. The book includes a smattering of her work - scholarly, personal, a few essays, a few gardening tips, a recipe or two — all to give you a flavor of her life in the hills she has loved and fought for. In this excerpt, she argues for rural

community development that is only attainable if its economy is morally based. To some, she conclude, who look to the government to provide them protection and security, the government has become an enemy. "In this new phase of capi-

talist expansion, we find that Appalachia and rural America become like Third World economies and share their problems, high unemployment, lower wages, environmental degradation, community destruction, increasing poverty. Structural adjustment policies imposed on Third World countries took the form in this country of welfare reform, lowering wages and cutting social services in order to compete in the world economy. There has been a decline in democracy, growing distrust in and alienation from government and less participation in civic affairs. In the 1930s when the social contract of the New Deal was being formed, people looked to the government to provide some protection and security from the failures of the economic system. This is now questioned. Public schools and social security are in danger of being privatized. For some, the government is an enemy to be destroyed.' Ky. Institute for Rural Journalism

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NOTICE OF **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT HEARING**

The West Liberty Board of Adjustments will hear a conditional use permit hearing on January 7th 2013 @ 5:00 P.M. at city hall for the address of 1277 Liberty Road. The hearing will be for the placement of Touch of Class Hair Salon which was destroyed by the March 2nd tornado.

On said property, the business is low traffic and low volume. Anyone who wishes to address the board for the process must appear in person, or have legal counsel present to represent them.

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Cancer and Chemotherapy: Is what you know a myth or a fact?

(NAPSA)—Every year, approximately 650,000 people in the United States undergo chemotherapy Although everyone reacts differently, people can sometimes feel confused, anxious and overwhelmed. Many people also have preconceived notions about cancer and its treatment that sometimes aren't A new campaign called Che-

mo_therapy: Myths or Facts(tm) aims to debunk common misconceptions associated with chemo therapy and encourages patients and caregivers to take charge of their cancer journey by speaking openly with their doctors. The campaign features Emmy(r)-nominated ac_tress Maura Tierney and professional drag racer Jack Beckman, who are sharing their own experiences as cancer survivors to help others.

"When I was going through my cancer treatment, I learned that you can never ask a stupid question. I asked every single question that came to my mind, and I believe that helped to calm my own anxiety," said Tierney. "The Chemotherapy: Myths or Facts campaign encourages patients and caregivers to ask a lot of questions, arming themselves with as much information as possible to take charge of their journey.' One of the things Beckman

realized during his cancer journey was the importance of surrounding himself with people and things that he loved. When I first learned I had cancer and would need chemotherapy, I was afraid I would have to give up certain aspects of my life, including racing and teaching others to race,' he said. "This didn't end up being the case for me. Speaking to my doctor and learning how to make adjustments to my regular routine while receiving chemotherapy helped make sure I didn't have to put my life on hold." As part of the campaign,

an interactive video booth is traveling across the country collecting personal stories from cancer patients and caregivers about chemotherapy myths or facts they uncovered during their own journey. Several of these stories will eventually be shared on the campaign's website with the hope of helping others. For more information about the campaign, visit www.chemomythsorfacts.com. Chemotherapy: Myths or Facts is sponsored by biotechnology company Amgen. There are many myths as-

sociated with chemotherapy and it's important for those

undergoing chemotherapy to arm themselves with the facts. For example, some patients believe they have to give up

certain aspects of their life while undergoing treatment, such as:ii •Spending time with loved

•Playing with their pets

·Eating fruits or raw veg-

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While these may be true for some patients with certain kinds of cancer, it's not true for everyone. In fact, several of these activities may actually help a patient's overall well-being. As chemotherapy impacts everyone differently, it's important for patients to speak openly with their doctor to fully understand their treatment and how it might impact them.iii Visit www.chemomythsorfacts.com for more information.

Learn more about actress Maura Tierney's involvement in the Chemotherapy: Myths or Facts(tm) campaign by visiting www.chemomythsorfacts.com.

Medicaid expansion is a rural issue, but will cost

Dec. 19 — "The big choices in health-care reform now rest with the state governors," Dr. Wavne Myers, former national rural-health director, writes for the Daily Yonder. "The biggest is whether to accept the federal offer of support for Medicaid expansion. This turns out to have a smaller price tag than a lot of people suppose, and a lot of lives depend on it."

Richer states would pay for half of Medicaid recipients' health care, and the federal government would pay the other half. Poorer states would pay less and the federal government would pay more. Myers says a lot of people will remain or become uninsured if states don't adopt the expansion deal. Between one-sixth and one-fifth of all Americans are on Medicaid, and it pays for more than 40 percent of all births and 70 percent of nursing home care in the country.

However, Republican governors are opposed to expansion for political reasons, stemming from their disapproval of "Obamacare," Myers writes. Some have promised to not implement any portion of it, which could create problems for millions of poor Americans, mostly living in rural areas, who can't afford health insurance and must rely on Medicaid.

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are less likely to have private health insurance," writes Myers, the first director of the federal Office of Rural Health Policy and former president of the National Rural Health Association. It's also "a major economic driver." According to the National Center for Rural Health Works at Oklahoma State University, Medicaid was responsible for 113,000 jobs and a total of \$10.5 billion in economic activity in Oklahoma

Medicaid also saves lives and expansion will be cheap for states, Myers writes. Studies have shown that patients with insurance that are hospitalized after accidents are 40 percent less likely to die than those without insurance because uninsured patients got less attention from medical staff. If all 50 states were to adopt expansion, they would spend a total

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years; but, if all 50 states opted out of expansion, they would spend \$68 million over the next decade, according to a Harvard School of Public Health study.

With all of this in mind, opt-

of \$8 billion over the next 10 ing out of the expansion "may get a governor a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the foot, some dead hospitals and a bunch of dead citizens who needn't have died," Myers writes.

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The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Morgan County Tornado Memo-

opposing view is invited to voice that opinion at this meeting or in writing to: Land and Water Conservation Fund Program; Governor's Office, Department for Local Government, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 340, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 within two (2) weeks of the date of the meeting.

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after another chicken came and passed the car with a tremendous speed. The wife said "And did you see that it had three legs!" Now they were really curious about these chickens so they descided to follow the road

where the three legged chickens just went.

Eventually they came up to a farm and to their surprise there were many three legged chickens running around. The farmer came out to greet them. Now they had to ask him about how is it possible to breed three legs chickens? The farmer explained: "You see we are three in this family, me, my wife and our son.

all wanted the chicken club. So we tried and tried and managed to create a rase of three legged chicken so we all could have a club! Fantastic! And how does this chickens taste? "Well", said the farmer, "there is a problem - we have still not been able to catch

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Freedom, Murphy Fork. Every Sat-

Church, KY-705 North. Phone (606) 743-3580. Sunday School

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5578 Highway 519. Sunday morning Bible classes, 10:00 am. Sunday

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evening worship service, 6:00 pm.

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Wednesday evening 7:00 pm choir 7:45 pm. Rev. James Doughton, pas-

Church, Isonville, KY. Phone 738-5816. Sunday School 10:00 am.

Sunday morning 11:00 am. Christopher K. Harper, pastor. Everyone

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Everyone welcome.

Seveneth Day Adventist Church, 1266 East Main Street, Jackson, KY. Worship service 10:00 am Saturday; Bible study 6:30 pm Wednesday.

Williams Creek-Elkfork Williams Creek-Elkfork Community Church, Rt. 3, West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 522-4111 or 522-4591, Rev. Herbert Wright, pastor. Sunday radio ser-vice 2;30 pm to 3;30 pm. Sunday menning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm.

Brushy Fork Church, Caney, Ky. Services every Sunday at 10:00 am No Saturday services. Hobert Dunn, pastor.

West Liberty Church Of West Liberty Church Or God, 568 Glenn Ave., West Lib-erty, KY 41472, phone 743-4161. Tim Yaden, pastor. Parsonage: 743-4161. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday night 6:00 pm. Wednes-day evening 7:00 pm Bible study for all age groups.

Hazel Green Christian Church, P.O. Box 66, Hazel Green, KY 41332. Bro. David Fields, pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm.

Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd, 525 Main St., Campton, KY, Phone 668-3731. Sunday Mass 11:30 am; Wednes-day evening 5:30 pm.

Faith Baptist Church, Caney, KY 41402, phone 743-4966, parsonage phone 743-1340. Bro. Mick Harden, pastor, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday disciples group training service 5:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday night mission friends, en's RA's, adult Bible study 6:00 pm.

Old Grassy Christian Church, US-460, Mize, KY 41352. Carl Roller, pastor. Sun-day morning 11:00 am.

Martha Enterprise Baptist Martia Enterprise Baptist Church, approximately 3 miles up KY-589 off KY-172. Services second weekend each month, Sat-urday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Roger Ball, pastor. Redeemed Old Regular Baptist Church, Caney, KY. Elder Roy Collett, pastor. Services third week-end of each month. Saturday 6:30 pm. Sunday 9:30 am.

Union Enterprise Church,

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Daysboro Church Of Christ, Daysboro, KY, phone 743-3906. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. David Hinton, pastor.

Watson Enterprise Baptist Church, HC 75, Sandy Hook, KY. Larry Dale Ison, pastor. Mike Gilliam, assistant pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

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Lick Fork Pentecostal Church, Saturday eveoiog 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Congregation and pastor, Jay B. Lewis, in-Wells Creek Enterprise Bap-tist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am ev-ery Sunday. Every second Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Joe Gilliam, pas-tor. Ruley Wagoner, assistant pastor. vites all. Everyone welcome.

Campton Church Of Christ, Rt. 35, Box 405, Campton, KY 41301, phone 668-6531.

Rocky Branch Full Gospel Church Of God, 3 miles oorth of Camptoo on KY-746. Sunday morn-ing 10:00 am. Tuesday eveniog 7:00 Denzil Lykios, pastor, phone

Union Enterprise Church, Williams Creek, KY. Sunday School 9:30 am to 10:30 am every Sunday morning. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. First Saturday and Sunday each month. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Tivis Ison, pastor, welcomes everyone. Torrent Church Of God, 1432 N KY-11, Zachariah, KY, Suoday School, 10:00 am, Suoday morniog, 11:00 am, Suoday evening, 6:30 pm, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 pm. Rev.Marvin Hobbs, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening prayer service 7:00 pm. Scott Litton, pastor. Eddie Keeton, assistant pastor. Bethany Baptist Church, War Creek, KY. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Every Sunday. Every third Saturday of each month Saturday evening 7:00 on Piele Balfeau negter. Sandy Hook First Baptist Church, phone 738-6320. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. pm. Rick Pelfrey, pastor. Stark United Methodis

Church, Sunday morning 9:30 am. Sunday School 10:30 am. Friday mile west of Mize, KY. John Oldfield Jr., pastor, 1176 Hwy, 946, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 606-725-5622. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. youth group 7:00 pm. Friday adult Bible study 7:00 pm. Warren Vanover, pastor. Ezel United Presbyterian

Church, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 725-4215. Sunday morning 9:30 am; Sunday School 10:30 am. All ages Old Time Religion Church, 1957 Flat-Mary Rd., Campton, KY 41301. Douglas Dunn, pastor, phone 668-9168. welcome.

Cannel City First Church Of

God, Cannel City, KY, phone 743-7395. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Everyone wel-Zag Community Church, located 1 mile off KY-519 on KY-976.

Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Rev. Donald Cox, pastor. Everyone welcome. Index Community Church. 1749 West Main Street, West Liberty, KY 41472 (intersection KY-191 & US-460), phone 743-4733; email: index@mrtc.com web: email: index@mrtc.com web: www.indexcommunitychurch.org Sunday School 10:00 am. Morning worship 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study, youth meeting, children's meeting 7:00 pm. Dr. Mike Frisby, minister.

Sandy Hook United Method-ist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Rev. Warren Vanover, pastor. Every-one welcome

Red River Community Church, Hazel Green, KY 41332, phone 662-6947. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday prayer service 7:00 pm. Rev. Charles Glover, pastor.

Prince Of Peace Catholic Church, 163 Pine Acres Lane just off Prestonsburg Street, West Lib-erty. Sunday: Classes 9:00 am: Mass 9:45 am. Father M. Daniel Edelen pastor. Phone 743-3266 office.

Wells Union Baptist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Tuesday Bible study 6:00 pm. Jimmy Tharp, pastor.

Ophir Enterprise Baptist Church, approximately 10 miles up KY-1260 off KY-172. Services first Saturday evening 7:00 pm. First Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Bobby Fultz, pastor. Bro. Ronnie Wright, assistant pastor. Everyone welcome.

Pleasant Run House Of Prayer, Yocum, KY. Sunday School 10:30 am. Sunday morning 1:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Sat-urday evening 7:00 pm. Raymond Barker, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Sulphur Springs Church, Crockett, KY, KY-172. Third week-end of each month and all odd week-ends. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Bobby Fultz, pastor. Everyone wel-

Pekin Pentecostal Church, Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Sat-urday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 10:00 am, morning worship 11:00 am. Pastor Sammy Vancleave, 743-7255 Everyone invited.

West Liberty Christian Church, 304 Prestonsburg St. (corner of Prestonsburg and Court Street), phone (606) 743-4356, parsonage (606) 743-4355. Paul Casteel, minister. Matthew Riley, youth minister. Junior church and wee church 11:00 am. High school and middle school youth group Wednesday evening and Sunday evening 7:00 pm.

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Stillwater Holiness Church, 3-1/2 miles oorth of Campton on KY-191. Wedoesday evening 6:30 pm. Sunday evening 5:00 pm. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Patricia Crider, pastor.

Bear Pen Worship Center, Suoday morning 10:45 am. Sunday School 6:30 pm. Wednesday eveoing 6:30 pm. Wednesday youth meeting 6:30 pm. David Spencer, pastor. Phooe 668-3351.

Blaze Community Church, Services Wednesday evening 7:00 pm; Sunday School 5:00 pm; Sun-day evening worship 6:00 pm; pas-tor Vernon Dale Lewis and congregation invite everyone. Calvary Baptist Church, KY-191, Cannel City, KY. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 5:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Harry B. Helton, pastor.

Campton Baptist Church, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. Pastor Gary Conner. Par-sonage phone: 668-3499

Hazel Green Church Of God, KY-1010 East. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning and children's church 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Charlie Brewer, pastor, wife Wayelene Brewer

Concord Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-32 eight miles west of Sandy Hook. Every fourth Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Rev. Ricky Lewis, pastor.

West Liberty Church Of Christ, Sunday Bible study 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sun-day evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study for all ages 7:00 pm. Paul Balch, minister. Phone 743-2132 Campton First Church Of God, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sun-day morning 10:45 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm.

aurel Gorge Enterprise Baptist Church, Youth services Friday 6:00 pm. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Rev. Virgil Franklin Gillum, pastor; Rodney Gilliam, assistant pastor.

Full Gospel Tabernacle, Top of

Slade Hill where Jesus is Alpha and Omega. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Rev. Ralph Banks, pastor. Everyone welcome. Grassy Lick Baptist Church, Grassy Creek, KY 41352. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday evening Bible study 7:00 pm. Kenneth Gevedon, pastor. Vernon Stacy, assistant pastor. James Tyra, assistant pastor.

Quillens Church Of God, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Lester Spencer, pastor. Phone 668-6435.

Abundant Life Full Gospel Church, 849 Broadway St., West Liberty, KY. Phone 743-1549. Sun-day School 10:00 am. Sunday

evening 6:00 pm. Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Bro. Donnie Wheeler, pas-Murphy Fork Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday worship 11:00 am. Sunday night 6:00 pm. Thursday night 7:00 pm.

Haven Of Hope, 465 Main Street, West Liberty, KY 41472. Sunday School, 10:00 am. Sunday worship, 6:00 pm. Paul Tussey, pas-

New Beginnings Church of God,off Hwy 519, Blevins Rd. Phone 606-743-1224. Sunday School 10:00 am, morning worship 11:00 am, Sunday evening 6:00 pm, Thursday 7:00 pm. Pastor Ruford Abner Callaboose Community Church, Off KY-746 near Campton. Sunday morning 10:00 am. Sunday

evening 6:00 pm. Bro. Burt Combs, pastor. Mike Adkins, pastor.

West Liberty Mennonite Church, located off Circle Dr, Wells Hill. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sun-day morning 11:00 am. Direl Fyffe, Church, located off Circle Dr, Wells Hill. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Direl Fyffe, pastor emeritis. Elder James Fyffe, 743-1567. Elder Steve Stoltzfus, 743-4195. 743-4195.

New Hope Baptist Church, Gordon Ford. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sun-day evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Bro. George Oney, pastor. Church Of Free Worship, Faith Hills Mennonite

Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 11:00 am. Sunday morning 12:00 noon. Stanley Rigsby, pastor. Everyone welcome. Old 519 Full Gospel Church,

old 519 till Gospel Church, at mile marker 6 on Hickory Road, just off KY-519. Services Friday nights at 7:00 pm; Sunday School at 10:00 am; Church at 11:00 am. Pastor Joshua Hampton, 725-9424, or call 743-2078 for more informa-

Tom's Branch Community Church, KY-772. West Liberty, KY. Sunday morning 11:00 am; Sunday evening Bible Study 7:00 pm; Thursday evening service 7:00 pm; every third Saturday evening fellowship dinner 5:00 pm and church service at 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome. Pastor Jeff Montgomery.

White Oak Christian Church Disciples Of Christ, White Oak, KY 41474, phone 743-4127. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Trent First Church Of God. Rt. 1, Campton, KY 41301. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm.

Ezel Church Of God, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 725-5721.

Lee City First Church Of God, Lee City, KY, phone 662-6221. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Rev. Stanley Burnett, pastor, Everyone welcome. urday evening 6:00 pm. Todd Kidd, Centerville Community Woodsbend Community

Church, Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Harry Flannery, pastor. Vortex Pentecostal Church, Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Rev. Leonard Cole, pastor.

Grace Baptist Church, Malone, KY, Sunday School 10:00 am, Sunday morning 11:00 am, Sun-day discipleship training 5:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednes-day Bible study 6:00 pm. Bro. Mike Lindon pastor

Redbush Enterprise Baptist Church, Redbush, KY. Second Sat-urday evening each month 6:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm every third Sunday. Bro. Gerald Fyffe, pastor. Wednesday worship service, 7:00 pm. Berlyn Davis, pastor. Phone 743-9234. **Campton United Methodist** Church, phone 668-3229. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning

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Morgan wins two of three at P'Burg Invitational Tourney

Cougars beat East Ridge and J. Buchanan; drop finale to Wolfe

Perry lights up Warriors with 28 pts., four assists; Aguirre and Malinic post double-doubles

By David Patrick

Morgan County utilized big first quarter leads to pick up wins over East Ridge and June Buchanan in opening two rounds of the Prestonsburg Invitational.

The Cougars outscored East 20-12 before giving up the lead at the half. But Coach Matthew Perry's team regained the momentum with a 17-5 run in the third en route to a 67-51 rout.

Jordan Perry was outstanding in the win, scoring his team's first six points before hitting a three-point basket on his way to a 12-point opening period. The freshman guard hit 10-of-16 field goal attempts and six-of-seven from the stripe to finish with a season-high 28 points.

Perry had plenty of help from teammates Samuel Aguirre and Alexsander Malinic,

with both posting doubledoubles. Aguirre's 15 points and 10 rebounds were complimented by 12 points and 15 boards from the Cougar

Morgan's 76-41 blowout of June Buchanan was made possible by 19 points from Aguirre and 13 each from Malinic and Jordan Whitt.

The Cougars put the game away in the first half, using a 21-8 second quarter run to lead 38-15 at intermission. A basket from Perry pushed the lead to 30 (49-19) early in the third period. Jarred Burton's field goal gave Morgan a 57-27 advantage heading to the final eight minutes.

Nine players cracked the scoring column, including eight points apiece from Perry and Burton. Alex Moore finished with five points and four

Morgan's victories over June Buchanan and East Ridge pushed the Cougars' win streak to eight games, which was halted with a 50-44 loss to Wolfe County.

For the first time in the invitational, the Cougars trailed after the first quarter (17-13). Wolfe extended the lead to six points before a 7-1 Morgan run, capped by baskets from Whitt and Aguirre tied the game at 24 at the half.

Morgan rallied in the third

with Whitt, Burton and Perry each scoring baskets for a 30-26 lead. But the Wolves answered with a 12-4 run to take the lead and maintained it on their way to the six-point

Perry led the way for Morgan with 16 points, while Whitt finished with 13 points and eight rebounds.

As a team, the Cougars struggled from the perimeter, hitting only three-of-17 (18%) three-point attempts. Morgan also shot poorly from the field (35%) and the free-throw line

Morgan – Fleming match up a mid-season 'measuring stick'

By David Patrick

With the midway point of the season fast approaching, Morgan County has established itself as one of the 16th region's elite teams.

At 10-3 overall, the Cougars own one of the region's top two records, which includes seven wins against foes within the 16th. Only Russell, Fleming County and Ashland Blazer can match Morgan's strong early start.

Nine of Morgan's 10 wins have come on the road, a trend the team wishes to continue this weekend. The Cougars travel to Greenup County Saturday night, a team saddled with one of the region's worst records (1-9).

But the game fans are most anticipating is next Wednesday's marquee match-up with regional preseason favorite Fleming County. The Panthers won their first eight games to open the season, but dropped two of three in the Gateway Holiday Classic in Mount Sterling this past weekend.

"It's an opportunity to match up against one of the best teams in the region," Cougar head coach Matthew Perry said on Wednesday. "We're approaching it as just another game, but also realizing that it's a measuring stick for our progress thus far. I'm looking for energy, effort and desire. If we bring those into the game, we've got a shot to

compete."

Fleming features two of the region's top players in forward Troy Steward and point guard Darion Burns, who are averaging 21 and 15 points, respectively. In all, the Panthers feature four players (Brady Saunders and Austin Crisp) averaging in doublefigures.

"They've got so many weapons on offense, you have to score with them,' Perry said. "They attack you on both ends of the floor. Every look you have is contested because their defense is relentless. Bottom line, we've got to make shots and play with energy."

The Cougars have been the surprise team of the region, riding the scoring talents Jordan Perry. The freshman

point guard is averaging better than 17 points per game while shooting 55 percent from the

Perry offensive supporting cast has been fantastic early in the season. Like Fleming, the Cougars have a combined four players in double-figures with Samuel Aguirre (13 ppg), Jordan Whitt (11) and Aleksander Malinic (11) making for one of the area's top scoring offenses.

"We need everybody to step up offensively," Perry said. "Against Wolfe, they double-teamed my son (Jordan Perry) and we had a hard time knocking down shots. That can't happen next week against either Fleming or on Friday at East Carter. We've go to be clicking on all cyl-

'Of course we want to

Morgan and Fleming will Veterans Memorial Gym.

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MORGAN COUNTY BASKETBALL

Cougars continue to dominate on road, beating Bath and Fairview

Perry scores 22 against Wildcats; Aguirre, Whitt go for 21 each vs. Eagles

By David Patrick Morgan Co. 62

Bath Co.

Jordan Perry scored a game-high 22 points to pace three players in double figures as the Cougars posted a nine-point win over host Bath

Perry scored nine points in the first period, including his team's first seven of the game, as Morgan jumped out to a 17-11 lead. The Cougars maintained that advantage in the second on baskets by Alex Moore, Samuel Aguirre and Jordan Whitt. Aguirre then assisted on a Perry field goal late in the quarter for a 31-23 lead at the half.

Back-to-back baskets from Perry made it 35-26 before Aguirre's field goal pushed the lead to double-figures for the first time. Morgan pushed it to a 14-point cushion twice in the third on a bucket from

Whitt and three-pointer by Jarred Burton. The Cougars' lead never

dipped below 10 points until the final minute of regulation. Whitt knocked down threeof-four free throw attempts to hold off the Wildcat rally and seal the win. Whitt finished with 14

points, hitting four field goals and adding six makes from the stripe. Aguirre had 11 points, five assists, six rebounds and as many steals.

Morgan Co. 82 Fairview 65

explode.

Samuel Aguirre and Jordan Whitt scored 21 points apiece, while Jordan Whitt added 18, as Morgan rolled to an impressive 17-point road win at Fairview.

The Eagles scored the game's first four points but were soon buried blitzed by a 12-2 Morgan run courtesy of baskets from Aguirre, Perry

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and Alexsander Malanic. A pair of three-point baskets by Aguirre gave Morgan a 12-point lead after one period.

The Cougars maintained a double-figure cushion for much of the second quarter with baskets from Aguirre and Perry making for a 38-26 lead at the break. The Eagles came out fir-

ing in the third quarter with a 10-4 run to cut the deficit to eight. But Malinic and Perry answered with a combined three field goals to make it a 50-36 game. Whitt then hit the dagger, knocking down a deep three-pointer, to make it a game-high 17 point Morgan advantage.

The Cougars took to the free-throw line to close the game in the fourth period with Kaden Ross, Whitt and Malinic all hitting from the stripe.

Aside from sharing teamhigh point honors, Aguirre also handed out seven assists. Perry had a big night as well, finishing with 18 points, five rebounds and three assists.

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